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In re Application of:
BLANDING et al.

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Examiner: KENDALL, C.

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For: Method and System for Managing
Lifecycles of Deployed Applications

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This communication is a response to the Office action dated July 17, 2002. Please consider the following amendments and appended remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9, 11-18 and 20-27 as follows (a marked up copy of the amended claims showing the additions and deletions to the previous versions of these claims is attached hereto as Appendix A):

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1. (Amended) In a network having software implementations deployed therein, a method for determining a set of software implementations to deploy to a client, comprising, maintaining precedence information at a network location indicative of precedence relationships between software implementations, selecting a software implementation that is specified for deployment to the client as a selected software implementation, determining from the precedence information whether the selected software implementation has precedence over at least one other

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